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In re Application of :
Mabrouk Ouederni and Paul L. Latten :
Application No. 10/721,964 :
Filed: November 25, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 2000-16 CIP-2 :
Title: AIR-LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW :
SYNTHETIC FIBERS :

DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)¹, filed May 3, 2004.

On November 25, 2003, the application was deposited, identifying Mabrouk Quederni and Paul L. Latten as joint inventors. The application was deposited without a fully executed oath or declaration². The instant petition was submitted along with the filing of the application.

The original petition, filed November 25, 2003, was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on March 8, 2004, for failure to establish that diligent efforts were made to locate the non-signing inventor.

With the renewed petition, Petitioner has submitted the results of an Internet search for the non-signing inventor. As such, the above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and

1A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires:

- (1) the petition fee of \$130;
- (2) a surcharge of either \$65 or \$130 if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.16(e);
- (3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
- (4) either
 - a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
 - b) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort;
- (5) a declaration which complies with 37 CFR §1.63.

2 Joint inventor Ouederni did not execute the declaration.

As such, the above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing. Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.



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Dear Mr. Quederni:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application, you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, an agent of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you, on behalf of the deceased, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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